

historic resolution to the floor. However imperfect, ours is a nation of laws committed to equal justice for all. That commitment has never ended at the border, and it certainly should extend to our neighbors throughout the Americas. This resolution reminds us to heed the sage words Dr. King wrote from the Birmingham jail 42 years ago: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Let us remember that wisdom as we cast our votes for this resolution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GIBBONS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to explain how I would have voted on July 18, 2005 during rollcall vote No. 380, No. 381, and No. 382 during the first session of the 109th Congress. The first vote was on Res. 328—recognizing the 25th anniversary of the workers' strikes in Poland in 1980 that led to the establishment of the Solidarity Trade Union, the second was H. Con. Res. 175—acknowledging African descendants of the transatlantic slave trade in all of the Americas, and the third was H. Res. 364—commending the continuing improvement in relations between the United States and the Republic of India.

I respectfully request that it be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that if present, I would have voted "yes" on these rollcall votes.

RECOGNIZING DR. DENNIS J.
GALLIGANI, PH.D.

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dr. Dennis J. Galligani, Ph.D. for his valuable and tireless dedication to California's education system and community. Dr. Galligani has served the University of California with distinction, humility, and humanity for the last 30 years at both the Irvine campus and at the system's administrative office. The goal of educational equality and equity has been the driving force in Dr. Galligani's efforts to ensure inclusiveness in admissions, financial aid, and student services.

Dr. Galligani was an early advocate for collaborative approaches to addressing educational issues through his enduring support for, and commitment to, the California Student Opportunity and Access Program, Cal-SOAP, and the Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement, MESA, Program. Dr. Galligani represented the University of California for several years as a member and chair of the Advisory Board to the California Academic Partnership Program, CAPP, whose goal is "to develop cooperative efforts to improve the academic quality of public secondary schools with the objective of improving the preparation of all students for college."

The California Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs,

GEAR UP, has benefited from the leadership of Dr. Galligani as its first Principal Investigator and his steady stewardship of this program on behalf of the Governor and his California Education Round Table colleagues. Dr. Galligani has nurtured young educational professionals, especially those from Latino, African-American, and Native American families, to assume leadership roles in academics and their communities.

I learned the importance of integrity, competence, and commitment from Dr. Galligani while I was Director of the South Coast Cal-SOAP Program and on the CAPP Advisory Board. Dr. Galligani's mentoring contributed to my professional development and desire to assume both an advocacy and leadership role with respect to enhancing the academic preparation of all students for college. I commend Dr. Galligani for his distinguished record of professional service as the Associate Vice President for Student Academic Services at the University of California and extend to him my sincere best wishes for continued success as Executive Director of the Alliance for Regional Collaboration to Heighten Educational Success, ARCHES.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE 2005 APPRENTICE GRADUATES

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and admiration that I offer my congratulations to many of Northwest Indiana's most talented, dedicated, and hardworking individuals. On Friday, July 29, 2005, the Lake County Electricians Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee IBEW & NECA will honor the Completion Class of 2005 at the 50th Annual Apprentice Completion Banquet, which will be held at the Avalon Manor Banquet Hall in Hobart, IN.

They will be recognizing and honoring the 2005 apprentice graduates. Those individuals who have completed the apprentice training are: Joseph Anderson, Randall Bard, Jacques Berbesque, Robert Brannon, Feliciano Bucio, Jonathan Buczec, Christopher Buitron, Jeff Campbell, Larry Chandler, Eric Cisneros, Keenan Collier, Cameron Collins, Steve Cruise, Lester Daniel, Brian Derolf, J. Matt Dees, Todd Dodd, Lou Donaldson, Phil Dorin, Jeremy Drenth, Ryan Ferry, H. Tom Floyd, Julianne Guidotti, Tom Guined, Eddie Jackson, David McCarty, Scott Morgan, Steve Petri, Nate Plants, Derek Popovich, Timothy Ramsey, Ryan Rentschler, R. Chad Robinson, Nick Roper, Nick Santostefano, Robert Severa, Aaron Shelton, Ivan Simmons, Tom Stidham, and Jonathan Vicari.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. These graduates are all outstanding examples of each. They have mastered their trade and have demonstrated their loyalty to both the union and the community through their hard work and self-sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these hardworking individuals. Along with all the other men and women of Northwest Indiana's unions, these individuals have

contributed to the growth and development of the economy of the First Congressional District, and I am very proud to honor them in Washington, DC.

HONORING MASTER SERGEANT HARRY JENKINS

HON. JIM McCRERY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. McCRERY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Master Sergeant Harry Jenkins. Master Sergeant Harry Jenkins is retiring with over 23 years of service in the United States Marine Corps. He was raised in Minden, Louisiana, where he graduated from Minden High School in 1982.

Master Sergeant Jenkins began his military career at San Diego, California, where he attended basic training in 1982. He then went to his military occupation school (MOS) at Camp Pendleton, California in 1982. He was one of the top candidates at the school. He was assigned the Administrative Clerk MOS.

Master Sergeant Jenkins has served in a number of assignments throughout his distinguished career. He has served in assignments ranging from Hawaii; New York City; Okinawa, Japan; Long Island, New York; Virginia and Washington, DC. From November 1982–April 1986, he was assigned to the 1st Marine Brigade, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii as an administrative clerk and Platoon Sergeant.

From April 1985–June 1989, he was assigned to the Marine Corps Public Affairs Office, New York, New York. He served as the Administration Chief and the Assistant Public Affairs Chief and was responsible for providing the media updates on Marine Corps activities and interacting in local community activities.

From June 1989–June 1990, he was assigned to 9th Marines, Okinawa, Japan and 3rd Amphibious Assault Vehicle Battalion, Okinawa, Japan where he served as the Administration Chief and Platoon Sergeant.

From June 1990–October 1993, he was assigned to Marine Corps Recruiting Station, New York, Garden City, and New York. He was assigned as the Administration Chief, where he was responsible for maintaining the records and supporting the recruiters responsible for recruiting the next generation of Marines.

From October 1993–November 1996, he was assigned to Officer Assignment Branch, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps. There he served as the Assistant Monitor for the Field Grade Ground Service Support Military Occupation Specialties.

From November 1996–March 2002, he was assigned to the U.S. House of Representatives Marine Corps Liaison Office, Washington, DC. Master Sergeant Jenkins has carried the Marine's message to these hallowed halls providing members of this body the information necessary to determine how best to equip, maintain and support the United States Marine Corps and ultimately provide and ensure the Nation's security. During this period, Master Sergeant Jenkins was responsible for directing, and organizing numerous congressional and staff delegations around the world. His attention to detail in making these very important trips logistically successful is noteworthy.

During Master Sergeant Jenkins' last 3 years of service, he has served as the Administration Chief in the Marine Corps' Office of Legislative Affairs. That office supports Members of Congress, and their congressional committees, relating to the Marine Corps and the security of our Nation. In his position as Administrative Chief, Master Sergeant Jenkins has been vital in the efficient running of that very busy office.

Master Sergeant Jenkins has made a lasting contribution in the capability of today's Marine Corps' and the future shape of tomorrow's Corps. His superior performance of duties highlights the culmination of more than 23 years of honorable and dedicated Marine Corps service. By his exemplary professional competence, sound judgment, and total dedication to duty, Master Sergeant Jenkins has reflected great credit upon himself and has always upheld the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps. I wish him, his wife, Deborah, his sons, Deven and Jarrod all the best as he pursues other interests outside of the Marine Corps.

NAZI PARAPHERNALIA IS AN ABHORRENT SIGHT ANYWHERE

HON. THELMA D. DRAKE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mrs. DRAKE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to share the following article written by a constituent, Rabbi Israel Zoberman.

The rally at the Yorktown Battlefield in Virginia, on June 25, 2005 sponsored by the Nationalist Socialist Movement (The American Nazi Party) is an opportune occasion for somber reflection and sincere soul-searching. Let us be clear: Nazi paraphernalia is bound to be an abhorrent sight anywhere, so much more so on a site resonating with sacred historical memories. A noxious display of terror-filled symbols protected paradoxically by our great democracy's freedoms which the Nazis seek to remove; freedoms and concomitant responsibilities won not without heroic struggle to overthrow tyranny and to be reaffirmed only a few days later at the July 4th celebration. Surely the rally's chosen venue and the close proximity of the two above dates is no coincidence, since the American Nazis unabashedly pretend to cloak themselves in the mantle of "the true American patriots."

How ironic as well to acknowledge that we are currently observing the 60th anniversary of the defeat of the very same forces that the American neo-Nazis and their European counterparts shamefully continue to uphold as the desired ideal for humanity. How is it that following the enormous sacrifices to uproot Nazi Germany with the critical participation of the United States, there are those growing up in our midst of enviable diversity and by-and-large, mutual respect and civility, who yet harbor the seeds of consuming diabolical hatred for all that we hold dear?

The often repeat call for constant vigilance is not a trite one. History has taught us that democratic societies are not impregnable from those who labor to destroy them from within. Unleashed poison of bigotry and prejudice when unchecked can find its way into the mainstream when deteriorating political and economic conditions are ripe for scapegoating any vulnerable minority. Once the unfathomable Holocaust occurred, is it

any wonder that we have witnessed genocides and ethnic cleansing in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda, Iraq and now in the Sudan's Darfur region. The strikes of September 11, 2001 were also nourished by a similar spirit of disregarding the Other. Does it not behoove our societal institutions of home, school and religion to double our efforts in reaching the young's minds to appreciate what is at stake, promoting pluralism's open-mindedness and excising extremism's venom? Hitler and his murderous cohorts, masters of deception that they were, taught us nonetheless to seriously take ominous language and behavior.

Wider Holocaust and World War II education is a beneficial tool, along with the laudable contribution of the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C., the Virginia Holocaust Museum in Richmond, and similar ones elsewhere; particularly as time elapses from the actual tragic events with eye-witnesses dying while we confront revisionist history of Holocaust denial. We ought be immensely proud of the noble work, an exemplary model indeed, of our own Holocaust Commission of the Community Relations Council of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater. As the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) still pursues tenaciously and admirably Nazis with blood on their hands who entered America or wish to do so, the American Jewish Committee reports that no more than 44 percent of Americans know about Auschwitz and only 30 percent are aware of what the "6 million" represents. Shockingly as well, even in Germany half of the under twenty-four year old population is ignorant of the Holocaust according to a recent poll. Thus the regrettable exposure of Nazi activity in deed and creed with today's internet utilization is also an opportunity to become cognizant of this corrosive phenomenon that we dare dismiss only at grave future risk. With the alarming rise worldwide of anti-Semitic incidents, and related anti-Israel bashing, the recently enacted German law to restrict neo-Nazi demonstrations next to sensitive historical sites is a good idea for us too.

The issue confronting us as Americans crosses boundaries of group, background, faith, gender and race. It ought to unite us anew as one yet diverse American nation in pursuit of our binding democratic agenda whose noble fulfillment is the ultimate response to those threatening it. The counter peace rally sponsored by The National Conference for Community and Justice which took place on June 21 at Virginia Wesleyan College was reassuring in the broad coalition it represented of concerned and involved citizens. The concluding moving dedication of the Peace Garden in memory of Dr. Catharine Cookson, founding director of Virginia Wesleyan's Center for the Study of Religious Freedom, was an apt act reflecting the great American ideal of bridge-building and mutual embrace. During this trying time of a global war against radical Islamic terror with the old Nazi specter refusing to totally go away despite our victory, we are reminded of the worst in human nature but also the best in us.

Rabbi Israel Zoberman is the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Born in Kazakhstan in 1945 to Polish Holocaust survivors, he is past President of the Hampton Roads Board of Rabbis and Cantors.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ROSE F. PIERCE

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with utmost appreciation and sincerest admiration to honor the inspirational life of Mrs. Rose F. Pierce of Poughkeepsie, New York. She is survived by her adoring niece, Shirley and her husband, Richard Panessa of Poughkeepsie; two sisters, Lena Lewis of Syracuse and Gaspar Peschel of Sarasota, FL; and several other nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

After 88 years of a life complete with civic accomplishments, Mrs. Pierce's passing concludes a remarkable chapter of a life dedicated to volunteer service, while setting a commendable standard for all other leaders and volunteers to follow.

Mrs. Pierce is remembered by all in the Poughkeepsie and Hudson Valley community as a compassionate, considerate and unwavering in her commitment to others. She overcame adversity in life with a unique energy and spirit. Her distinguishing enthusiasm and vigor was ever apparent when she would dress as Betsy Ross and make presentations about our flag in local school districts.

Mrs. Pierce became known in the community for her commitment to those who made the greatest sacrifice by serving our country. She was a volunteer for many years at Castle Point VA Hospital in Dutchess County where she was recently received the United Way Points of Life award. She aided local veterans who where homebound, often driving them to the doctor or grocery shopping for them. Rose possessed an unwavering love for her country and humbly urged everyone to cherish and remember our veterans for the sacrifice they made to preserve our way of life.

Besides her commitment to veterans, Mrs. Pierce's service to her community came via volunteering, civic activities, and selfless acts of benevolence. She was a past President of the VFW Post 170 Ladies Auxiliary in Poughkeepsie and a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Italian Center. Some of her other civic activities included involvement in the Naval Fleet reserve, A.A.R.P., Dutchess Garden Club, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, St. Rita's Society of Mount Carmel Church, and the Lions Club.

PERSON EXPLANATION

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 18, 2005, I was unable to be present for the following rollcall votes: H. Res. 328, H. Con. Res. 175, H. Res. 364.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H. Res. 328.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H. Con. Res. 175.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H. Res. 364.